

lottery has been in Canada, in other states, and I'm saying that we should not kill LB 144. I did introduce LB 1021. It is still being held in committee. It was going to be my priority bill because I think, and I've got figures here, that I will give you when I'm talking on the amendment to LB 144, of polls that were taken throughout the State of Nebraska by the World-Herald, by senators on the floor of this Legislature,...

SPEAKER NICHOL: One minute.

SENATOR LABEDZ: ...by business organizations and, let's see, I think there is also one here Channel 7 did a call in poll with over 1,110 responses, 76 percent said yes, and 24 percent said no. The people of the State of Nebraska want a statewide lottery. The commission that I am suggesting, I would like to explain that to you in detail, I don't have the time. I tried to give you as much information in the summary that I passed out to you the other day, but in some cases even a summary is difficult to understand. I think it only fair and proper that because of the high percentage of people in this state that are asking for a statewide lottery, whether it be a ticket lottery or a video machine lottery, I still think that we should fair to the people of this state, since I cannot get my bill out of committee, to at least give me the chance to explain LB 1021 to you as an amendment to LB 144. I urge you not to adopt the motion to indefinitely postpone LB 144.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Thank you, Senator Higgins...Senator Labedz. Senator Higgins is next, please. Then Senator Vickers.

SENATOR HIGGINS: Thank you, Mr. President. First of all I'd like to say that I respect Senator Howard Lamb and Senator Bill Barrett's remarks because I believe those are their truth philosophies, they do not have an axe to grind, they are not carrying papers for somebody else, it is their own, true philosophy. For that I respect them for standing up and speaking in the way they did. But let's talk about gambling and taxes. We, the state, accept revenue generated from gambling on which horse is going to come in first in the different race tracks across the state. That is legal and it was made legal back in the thirties. I remember in 1984, when Senator Karen Kilgarin sat here in Senator Jacklyn Smith's desk, that she had a certain amendment on